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Good afternoon,

Attached please find the schedule for Monday's budget prep session. Please note that you are only asked to join during the time you are allotted. Please do keep in mind that our schedule is fluid, and we may call/email you a few minutes before or after the scheduled time depending on how things go.

Items highlighted in yellow in the attachment are newly identified areas of interest for the hearing.

Please also note the list of questions below we received from Murkowski's office today – if these issues are relevant to you, please come prepared to discuss.

**Senior Staff Meeting** -- Murkowski will ask the Administrator to commit their senior staffs to sit down to talk about important Alaska issues and try to come up with some solutions to them.

**WOTUS** – as the Agency moves forward on a new WOUS rule, the EPA needs to take into account the impact to Alaska. 2/3 of the state is already a wetland, and if connectivity is the key to the new rulemaking.. every mile of Alaska is connected to a wetland in some part.

**PM 2.5 Fairbanks** – Murkowski will ask the Administrator to remember the unique situation that Fairbanks experiences due to the geography, low temperature, and that they don't have access to natural gas— when EPA works with the state and borough to come up with plan.

**Bristol Bay--** As part of EPAs May 11<sup>th</sup> settlement agreement—we have 60 days to withdraw the 2014 determination which is in the middle of the commercial fishing day season. The Senator wants to have as much involvement with the Tribes as possible – and will ask the administrator to have a 60-90 day comment period to give enough time for the tribal commercial fishermen to provide comment.

**Small Remote Incinerator issue --** Will ask EPA to look at administrative options and see what is possible and would like that to be done before the two senior staffs sit down.

**Fish Grinding –** Both On shore and Off Shore – looking to find a solution to this issue and seeing if we can commit to have some options or solution with a time frame for completion. Sen. Murkowski would also like these options ready to be discussed at the meeting of the two senior staffs.

**Diesel Generators in remote villages—**Alaska remote villages, that use diesel generators submitted a comment to the regulatory relief panel on this issue. Specifically, for any generators purchased after model year 2014 you need to have a diesel particulate filter installed—if used for power generator. In Alaska, if you have this filter on—there is a high failure rate because of the temperature outside. If the filter fails... the generator shuts down and then you have to get a technician out there to fix it—which is very expensive. We will be asked to work with her on a solution to this issue.